GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE
Sarvey Shri Sathyanarayana

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to save one million lives every year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Department for International Development had worked with the Government of India in designing a comprehensive programme aimed at providing good quality re-productive healthcare for the poor;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the progress made so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (e): In order to reduce the Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) and Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) and to improve the health status of Infants, children and pregnant women in the country, the Government of India has launched the Reproductive and Child Health Programme Phase II. The Programme has been designed in partnership with all stakeholders including Department for International Development Fund (DFID), World Bank, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)and all other Development Partners. The Programme commenced from April, 2005 for a priod of 5 years, with joint funding from Government of India Budget, Department for International Development (DFID), World Bank and UNFPA. DFID has committed to provide financial assistance of Â£ 245 million in addition to the Â£ 7 million for technical cooperation.

The RCH II Programme envisages a paradigm shift, encompassing and integrating the overall activities covered under the Family Welfare Programme with a view to achieve the goals of National Health Policy 2002 & National Population Policy,2000. The Programme is reviewed from time to time by the Joint Review Mission led by the Government of India in partnership with all Development Partners and State Governments. The Programme is now in the third year of its implementation.